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For: AXIAL RETENTION FEATURE FOR RESTRAINING COMPOSITE

REINFORCING RINGS

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January 15, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number 17 previously paid for \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 20 (at least 20) =Х Independent claims after amendment minus highest number \$ 0.00 previously paid for (at least 3) =0 \$ 86.00 3 Х

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Applicant claims "small entity" status.

Statement filed herewith

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